Schemes pending in the department of handlooms in Chhattisgarh

†1777. SHRI SHREEGOPAL VYAS: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) the names of the schemes which are pending for more than two years for sanction by the Department of Handlooms of Chhattisgarh State; and

(b) the details of plan for giving sanction?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI E.V.K.S. ELANGOVAN): (a) and (b) No schemes are pending for more than two years for sanction as per the information received from the State Government of Chhattisgarh.

Refund of loss incurred by Maharashtra under MSP Scheme

1778. SHRI SANJAY RAUT: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government of Maharashtra have incurred huge loss while making payments to the cotton growers under the Minimum Cotton Support Price Scheme during the last three cotton seasons;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government of Maharashtra have made many requests, for getting refunds from Cotton Corporation of India (C.C.I.) or from the Textile Ministry for its incurred loss on Minimum Cotton Support Price;

(d) if so, what is the Government's response thereto and when it will be considered;

(e) whether Government of Maharashtra has also requested to appoint Mahrarashtra State Co-operative Cotton Growers Marketing Federation Limited as an agent of Government of India for MSP operations in Mahrarashtra on the basis of C.C.I. for procurement of Cotton; and

(f) if so, the Government's response thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI E.V.K.S. ELANGOVAN): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. Maharashtra State Co-operative Cotton Growers Marketing Federation Limited has informed about losses incurred during the last three years which is as under:—

Cotton Season	Procurement of cotton (in lakh qtls.)	Tentative loss suffered under MSP (Rs. in crore)
2004-05	211.65	547.80
2005-06	18.84	25.97
2006-07	32.65	Accounts not yet finalized

(c) and (d) No Sir. Since, Maharashtra State Co-operative Cotton Growers Marketing Federation Limited (MSCCGMFL) has not been nominated by the Government of India as one of the nodal agencies for procurement of cotton under MSP, hence, the question of reimbursement of losses to this Federation does not arise.

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(e) and (f) Yes Sir,. In this regard, a meeting was held on 5.3.2007 in the Ministry of Agriculture. The Government has not considered the request.

Application of ID Act 1947 to SBC, Visakhapatnam

1779. SHRI TAPAN KUMAR SEN:
SHRI MOHAMMED AMIN:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to refer to reply to Unstarred Question 1716 dated 29th August, 2007 and State:

(a) whether Contractor/Sub-contractor like L&T, Lodka, Ultra Dimensions, Neo Power, Rantech, Bharat Steel, etc., are engaged in fabrication and other jobs within SBC;

(b) if so, whether the jobs entrusted to the private parties are treated as "interest of national security"; and

(c) if so, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI A.K. ANTONY): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

Target for textile exports

†1780. SHRI DATTA MEGHE: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have set textiles export target of around 25 billion Dollar for the years 2007-08;

(b) if so, the steps taken to achieve this target;

(c) whether it is a fact that traders of readymade garment sector are facing problems; and

(d) if so, the steps taken to solve these problems?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI E.V.K.S. ELANGOVAN): (a) Yes, Sir. Government have set a target for exports of textiles at USD 25.06 billion for the financial year 2007-08.

(b) Various steps have been taken by the Government for the growth of textiles industry, which include:—

(i) 100% Foreign Direct Investment is allowed in the textiles sector under the automatic route.

(ii) The Government has de-reserved readymade garments, hosiery and knitwear from the Small Scale Industry (SSI) sector.

(iii) The Technology Upgradation Fund Scheme (TUFS) has been made operational from 1.4.1999 to facilitate the modernisation and upgradation of the sector. The TUFS has been extended beyond 31.3.2007 and has been modified in consultation with the industry and approved by the Competent Authority w.e.f. 1st November 2007. The Scheme is now in operation. For the speedy modernisation of the textiles processing sector, Government has introduced, w.e.f. 20.4.2005, a credit linked capital subsidy scheme @10% under TUFS, in addition to the existing 5% interest reimbursement.

(iv) A new "Scheme for Integrated Textile Parks" has been formulated by merging the "Scheme for Apparel Parks for Exports" and the "Textiles Centre Infrastructure

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